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# AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION,

ADOPTED IN THE YEAR 1876.

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## AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION FOUR (4) OF ARTICLE SIX (6) OF THE CONSTITUTION, RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY.

SECTION 4. The State shall be divided by the Legislature into judicial districts, which shall be composed of contiguous territory, be bounded by county lines, and contain a population as nearly equal as may be practicable. In each judicial district one (1) or more judges, as the Legislature may prescribe, shall be elected by the electors thereof; whose term of office shall be seven (7) years; and each of said judges shall severally have and exercise the powers of the court under such limitations as may be prescribed by law. Every district judge shall at the time of his election be a resident of the district for which he shall be elected, and shall reside therein during his continuance in office. In case any court of common pleas heretofore established shall be abolished, the judge of such court may be constituted by the Legislature one of the judges of the district court of the district wherein such court has been so established, for a period not exceeding the unexpired term for which he was elected.

Judicial districts—term of office of judges.

[Adopted November 5th, 1875; ayes 22,560; noes 18,534.]

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## AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO BE TERMED SECTION EIGHT (8) OF ARTICLE SEVEN (7) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, RELATING TO ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

SECTION 8. The Legislature may, notwithstanding anything in this article, provide by law, that any woman at the age of twenty-one (21) years and upward, may vote at any election held for the purpose of choosing any officers of schools, or upon any measure relating to schools, and may also provide that any such woman shall be eligible to hold any office pertaining solely to the management of schools.

Women may vote for school officers.

[Adopted November 5, 1875; ayes 24,340; noes 19,468.]

AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION TWO (2) OF ARTICLE EIGHT (8) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE.

Relating to the investment of funds from the sale of state lands.

ADD TO SEC. 2. Suitable laws shall be enacted by the Legislature for the safe investment of the principal of all funds which have heretofore arisen or which may hereafter arise from the sale or other disposition of such lands, or the income from such lands accruing in any way before the sale or disposition thereof, in interest-bearing bonds of the United States, or of the State of Minnesota issued after the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1860), or of such other State as the Legislature by may law from time to time direct.

[Adopted November 5, 1875; ayes 28,755; noes 10,517.]

[NOTE. The foregoing amendments were inadvertently omitted from the volume of General Laws of 1876.]

ADOPTED IN THE YEAR 1877.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION ONE (1) OF ARTICLE FOUR (4) OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Biennial sessions of the Legislature.

SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives, who shall meet biennially at the seat of government of the State, at such time as shall be prescribed by law; but no session shall exceed the term of sixty days.

[\* [Adopted November 6th, 1877, for amendment 37,995, against amendment 20,833.]

AMENDMENT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24) OF ARTICLE FOUR (4).

Election of Senators and Representatives—term of office.

SEC. 24. The senators shall be chosen by single districts of convenient contiguous territory, at the same time that members of the House of Representatives are required to be chosen, and in the same manner; and no representative district shall be divided in the formation of a senate district. The senate districts shall be numbered in a regular series. The terms of office of senators and representatives shall be the same as now prescribed by law, until the general election

in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), at which time there shall be an entire new election of all the senators and representatives. Representatives chosen at such election, or at any election thereafter, shall hold their office for the term of two years, except it be to fill a vacancy, and the senators chosen at such election by districts designated as odd numbers, shall go out of office at the expiration of the second year, and senators chosen by districts designated by even numbers, shall go out of office at the expiration of the fourth year: and thereafter senators shall be chosen for four years, except there shall be an entire new election of all the senators at the election of representatives next succeeding each new apportionment provided for in this article.

[Adopted November 6th, 1877, for amendment 33,072; against amendment 25,099.]

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#### AMENDMENT TO SECTION TWO (2) OF ARTICLE FIVE (5) OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 2. The returns of every election for the officers named in the foregoing section, shall be made to the Secretary of State, who shall call to his assistance two or more of the judges of the supreme court, and two disinterested judges of the district courts of the State, who shall constitute a board of canvassers, who shall open and canvass said returns and declare the result within three (3) days after such canvass.

Canvassing of election returns.

[Adopted November 6th, 1877, for amendment 36,072; against amendment 21,814.]

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#### AMENDMENT TO SECTION THREE (3) OF ARTICLE EIGHT (8) OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 3. But in no case shall the moneys derived as aforesaid, or any portion thereof, or any public moneys or property, be appropriated or used for the support of schools wherein the distinctive doctrines, creed or tenets of any particular Christian or other religious sect are promulgated or taught.

Prohibiting the appropriation of school funds for sectarian schools.

[Adopted November 6th, 1877, for amendment 36,780; against amendment 16,667.]

## ERRATA.

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The letters and words included in brackets [ ] in this volume of General Laws, are not in the bills approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State, they are found in the engrossed bills, but were omitted or incorrectly copied in enrollment.